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A conversation with Jesse Bane, Interim Town Administrator

Bel Air's Town Commissioners appointed Jesse Bane as Interim Town Administrator in December. Jesse most recently served as Harford County Sheriff from 2006 — 2014.

What was your first thought when the Bel Air Town Commissioners approached you about the position of Interim Town Administrator?

I was stunned. I had been a cop for 42 years. All of my education, experience and credentials are geared toward law enforcement. Once I accepted, some people asked me: "What do you know about water and sewers or about roads?"

If you are going to hold public office, be a CEO or a business owner, it is impossible to be an expert in all areas of the operation. However, principles of management are the same. I also think that running the Sheriff's office or the Town is similar to overseeing a business.

I owe my career to my wife. She has made lots of sacrifices for me to achieve my career dreams. I won't say she was happy about the result of the Sheriff's election, but she was happy to have her husband back. But if I were miserable, she wouldn't want me around the house. I wouldn't have taken this job unless she was in full support.



Turn to page 3 to learn more about Jesse Bane's thoughts on Bel Air, now and in the future.

Spring 2015

Dear neighbors:

Brrr! As I sit at my desk writing this letter, I hope that you were able to persevere through what ended up being a very cold Winter 2015. Snow, ice and freezing temperatures made for what seem to be a longer than normal season. I want to thank Steve Kline and his **Department of Public Works** crew for their dedicated work in keeping our roads and sidewalks clean. I also want to extend my gratitude to every citizen and business for heeding the call and shoveling their sidewalks and driveways. Collectively, I think we did a pretty good job overall.

Now that the winter is, hopefully, behind us, we can all begin to look forward to Spring 2015. As always, the Town will buzz with all kinds of activity. One of our mainstays, **Bel Air's Farmer's Market**, will celebrate its 40th year in bringing freshly picked and harvested goods from farm to table. Congratulations to all those involved.



Warm weather is on its way. Check calendar on pages 6 - 8 for upcoming and **free** concerts in town.

Kites will fly again over **Rockfield Park** in mid-April. Also, we'll enjoy several new additions to our parks. The recently renovated **Plumtree Park** on **Thomas Street** will be completed with a public art amenity and **Shamrock Park** will now feature a fountain, which was graciously donated to the Town by Kathleen and Bill Bacon.

Regardless of the time of year, we are indeed fortunate to live, work and play in a town that has so much to offer. Spring is special, because it marks a time of renewal when we're finally able to get outside and enjoy outdoor activities.

So, I hope you find this Spring edition of the *Bel Air Bond* enjoyable and informative. Welcome Jesse Bane as Interim Town Administrator. Find out more about what's happening in Bel Air.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Reier, DC

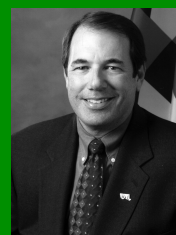
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Commissioners



Dr. Robert J. Reier
Mayor



Susan Burdette



Eddie Hopkins



Robert M. Preston



Patrick T. Richards



ON THE COVER:

What's new at Rockfield Manor, the historic event venue located at 501 Churchville Road? Actually, quite a bit. There is a new Executive Director, Jenny Dombeck. Interior structural and cosmetic changes have improved the layout flow. Check out the new Website, www.rockfieldmanor.com, or stop by for a visit. Public walking trails and gardens surround the manor house. Look for more family and community programs in the coming months.

(Conversation with Jesse Bane, continued from P.1)

You are the Interim Town Administrator? What does that mean?

I knew that if I took the job, I wanted to do everything to make sure that I did a good job. I wanted both sides to have the chance to look at my performance and decide if I should continue. If not, we'll shake hands and part as friends.

The employees and the citizens have given me a great welcome and this has turned out to be a dream job. I had a dream job when I was sheriff too.

What is the role of government in a small town like Bel Air?

Government agencies, as well as businesses, must offer services, depend on well-trained staff and stay on budget. Each only has so much income. The challenge is how to allocate resources to do what is needed.

If revenue doesn't match need, we still have a responsibility to the public and must analyze what is going wrong and fix that. I am not advocating more taxes. Quite the opposite.

What were some of the things that surprised you during the first few weeks on the job?

I crossed paths often with Town staff while I worked in the Sheriff's office. Still, my preconceived notion was that this is a quiet, laid back little town.

Once I took the job, I looked at everything that goes on here and the job the staff is doing. In a way, they are busier than I was at the Sheriff's Office and I had 10, 12, 16-hour days there. There is a lot going on here.

What do you want the residents to know about you?

My history with Bel Air is not just working here as sheriff. Growing up in Dublin, my family shopped downtown. I went to school here and lived in Bel Air during the first 10 years of my marriage. I plan to be out and in the streets and neighborhoods of Bel Air.



What are the challenges in Bel Air over the next five years?

I think Bel Air is at a crossroads. We have to decide on the right direction with a mix that satisfies everyone. Young people who are now moving in and setting up shops, restaurants, programs and services will influence where we are in 10 or 20 years.

We need to look at traffic and parking issues if we want economic growth. We have people here who are both pro- and anti-business.

The water issue is going to be a problem, not just in Bel Air, but everywhere. We must get a handle on the heroin and addiction problems, which will destroy the quality of life in this community quicker than anything else.

You have no problem in this country driving through towns and telling if they are vibrant or if they are dead. I want to see a town where businesses and homeowners or renters are fighting to get in. We may have that now, but let's ratchet it up a bit. Finally, we are in the midst of an information revolution. We need to figure out how to keep people walking and driving to Bel Air rather than doing business online. A thriving economy benefits our business people and our residents.

You've spent your previous career in local law enforcement. How does public safety figure into economic development?

This town has a very low crime rate. It is a testimony to the police chief and officers. If you open the door to a criminal element, the good people leave.

Would you like to add anything?

If Bel Air is going to be a viable town in the future, we need to keep moving forward. The next decision is how we are going to move forward.

We Cancerve: a young nonprofit that delivers hope and friendship

Ten-year-old Grace E.G. Callwood, a member of Ames United Methodist Church, met a lot of people during her treatment for a pediatric cancer from 2011 to 2014. There were, of course, a bevy of health professionals. However, it was the volunteers who came to cheer up sick children who left the biggest impression.

Even while still in treatment, Grace decided to give back in her own way. She established a nonprofit organization called We Cancerve and assembled a Board of Directors composed entirely of school-aged students. Grace, who is now cancer-free, continues to grow her nonprofit with support from friends and fellow students from a variety of local schools including William S. James and Forest Lakes elementary schools as well as Edgewood Middle School.

The mission and vision, set in place by its young members, is to support and bring happiness to homeless, sick and foster children.

The five-member Board of Advisors, whose parents, (including T'Jae (Gibson) Ellis, Grace's mother) provide guidance as needed, obtain donations of funds and materials from friends, neighbors, church members and other supporters. They sort, package, organize and deliver donations. Membership on the Board is open to youths from ages 7–18.

We Cancerve has bested a lot of adult-organized groups with tangible results. Since 2011, the group has donated 172 Easter baskets to homeless, sick and foster children; given \$1,700 to Sinai Hospital, Casey Cares Foundation and the Harford Family House; donated 150 pieces of new and nearly-new back-to-school clothes to homeless youth; assembled 150 TransFUNers kits to help hospitalized children decorate their IV poles; and donated 140 pounds of school supplies to children in Maryland and Kenya, East Africa.

We Cancerve accepts monetary donations as well as supplies to carry out their mission.

Learn more about their activities, supporters and future plans at www.wecancerve.org. We Cancerve welcomes Scouts, sports teams, sororities and fraternities and business clubs to get involved with their projects. They have also established an accumulator fund with the Community Foundation of Harford County (CFHC).



We Cancerve holds regular board meetings to plan upcoming projects. Grace Callwood (top) is founder, president and current Board Chair.

Board members at a recent meeting included (middle photo, left to right) Sarah, "The Super" and Addison "The Awesome."

Parents, including (l) T'Jae (Gibson) Ellis and Amber Beall (r) give some guidance regarding project logistics, effective meeting practices and organizing deliveries. However, We Cancerve relies as much as possible on the vision of its Board members.

What a deal: Buy green at a local business and get cash rebates



There is just one more opportunity for property owners in Bel Air to get cash rebates (without need for mailing in coupons and receipts) when they purchase certain eco-friendly and green products such as rain barrels, compost bins and recycling containers from an in-town business.

“These products will help the Town become a more environmentally friendly place,” says Kevin Small, Director of Planning. “They can address homeowner issues such as excessive storm drainage, placement

of grass cuttings and containment of recycled material. You could have savings toward water usage and purchase of fertilizer in addition to the rebate.”



Purchase any of these pre-approved items and present the receipt and proof of residency to the Town Finance Department at Town Hall for a rebate of a portion of the price.

- Good Ideas, 50 gal. Rain Wizard: **\$30.00 rebate**
- Good Ideas, 7 cu ft. Compost Wizard Jr.: **\$45.00 rebate**
- Good Ideas, 50 gal. Compost/Rain Hybrid: **\$75.00 rebate**
- Good Ideas, 65 gal. Rain Wizard Urn/Planter: **\$35.00 rebate**
- Rubbermaid, 23/32 gal Slim Jim Recycling Bin: **\$20.00 rebate**
- Toter, 32 gal Recycling Cart: **\$20.00 rebate**
- Suncast, 6.5 cu ft. Tumbling Composter: **\$40.00 rebate**
- Suncast, 50 gal rain barrel: **\$30.00 rebate**

To be eligible, you must own property within the corporate limits of the Town and purchase the product through a retailer in the Town or online with delivery through a local business.





Saturday March 21
SPRING LECTURE:
 Chuck Robbins, *The Sotweed Factor: Tobacco in Colonial Maryland*

The Historical Society of Harford County, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Admission: \$10. 410-838-7691
www.harfordhistory.net.

Saturday March 28
ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
 Rockfield Manor, 11:00 a.m.
 Grab a basket and join your neighbors at Rockfield Park for this fun, family event! Free parking; Admission: \$5 per family.

Saturday March 28
4TH SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE
 Historical Society Headquarters, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 410-838-7691
www.harfordhistory.net.

APRIL

Saturday April 11
KITE FESTIVAL
 Rockfield Park ball fields, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Kite flying for kids of all ages.
 Sponsor: Town of Bel Air and APG Federal Credit Union. Free. Rain date: Sunday, April 12.
 410-838-4781

Saturday April 11
11TH ANNUAL A NIGHT IN PARADISE
 Bel Air Reckord Armory, 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
 Enjoy live music, shrimp feast and bull roast. The Greater Bel Air Community Foundation raises funds for capital improvement projects in the Bel Air community.
 410-879-9292 or 410-836-6366.
www.gbacf.org.

Sunday April 12
MEDICINE IN 18TH CENTURY MARYLAND
 Hays House Museum, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Doctor Barton Tabbs, an 18th-century surgeon portrayed by

history interpreter Gary DePaolo, will discuss medicine at the time of the War of Independence as well as your ailments and medical complaints. Admission: Adults: \$5; Students & Seniors: \$3; Children under 4: free. Sponsor: Historical Society of Harford County.
 410-838-7691
www.harfordhistory.net.

Sunday April 12 – Sunday May 17 (Sundays only)
BALTIMORE SCULPTORS
 Liriodendron Gallery, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Sculptures based on form as well as their symbolic content within American cultural and historical landscape. 410-879-4424
www.liriodendron.com.

Thursday April 16
GIRLS NIGHT OUT
 Downtown Bel Air 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Grab your best girlfriends for a night of discounts, specials and shopping in downtown stores, plus food and drink specials in restaurants. Sponsor: Bel Air Downtown Alliance. 443-823-1797
www.downtownbelair.com.

Thursday April 16 – Saturday 18
BEL AIR HIGH SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL: MARY POPPINS
 7:00 p.m. with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets: \$10, advance at www.belairdrama.org. \$12 at door.

Saturday April 18
LINCOLN'S LIFE & LEGACY, BEYOND GETTYSBURG
 Bel Air Armory, 7:30 p.m.
 Lincoln's life through music and stories featuring Dr. Duke Thompson on piano, historian Erika Quesenbery Sturgill and photographer Dave Gigliotti.
 Admission: \$25. 410-838-7691

Friday April 24
MOVIE NIGHT: SHENANDOAH
 The Historical Society of Harford County, 7:00 p.m. A film about the Civil War to remember the 150th Anniversary of its conclusion.
 Admission: \$7, includes popcorn and soda. www.harfordhistory.net.
 410-838-7691

Saturday April 25
3RD ANNUAL SPRING FLING BIG BAND DANCE
 Bel Air Armory
 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
 Live big band dance music by the Bel Air Community Band Jazz Ensemble. Food, beer and wine from Sterling Caterers available for sale. Admission: Free.
 Sponsor: Town of Bel Air, Harford County Cultural Arts Board and the Maryland State Arts Council.
 410-638-5323.

Saturday April 25
4TH SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE
 Historical Society Headquarters, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
www.harfordhistory.net.
 410-838-7691

MAY

Friday May 1 to Sunday June 28
RURAL TO URBAN
 Harford Artists Gallery at Rockfield Manor. Open Fridays through Sundays, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Paintings, photography, pottery and jewelry, all created by local artists. Reception: May 9 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 410-420-9499
www.artinharford.org.

Friday May 1
LUNCHTIME CONCERT
 Office Street near the Courthouse. Noon – 1:00 p.m.
 Lunchtime concert with food vendors available and tables and chairs provided. Music by Matt Kineke. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air.
 Admission: Free. 410-638-4550
www.belairmd.org.

Friday May 1
FIRST FRIDAYS RETURNS!
 Office Street from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Harford County's BEST block party is Bel Air Downtown Alliance's First Fridays with local live music, beer and wine, food vendors, face painting and more!
 Sponsor: Bel Air Downtown Alliance. Follow the Alliance on Twitter and Facebook for up-to-the-minute details. 443-823-1797
www.downtownbelair.com.

Friday May 1 – Sunday May 3
ARTIST STUDIO TOUR Visit the studios of Harford Artists located throughout Harford County. Friday – Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. See www.artinharford.org for maps and details. 410-420-9499

Saturday May 2
CELEBRATION OF CULTURES
 8:00 a.m. Running of the Bulls (Adult 5K walk/run). 9:00 a.m. Running of the Bulls 2 (Youth walk/run); Bel Air Armory events at 11:00 a.m.: cultural performances, ethnic foods, artisans, etc.; 6:00 p.m. Latin Dance. This family-oriented event celebrates the cultures/ethnicities that call Harford County home. Sponsor: Harford County Dept. of Community Service's Human Relations Commission. Daytime activities: free. Latin Dance: \$20, includes dance lessons. 410-836-0333

Saturday May 2
ALL THAT JAZZ: SIDE-BY-SIDE CONCERT
 Bel Air High School, 7:30 p.m. Selected members of the Harford Youth Orchestra along with music director Brian Folus will join the Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra (SSO). The concert includes with Sir Malcolm Arnold's *Four Scottish Dances*, as well as Vaughn Williams *Fantasia on a Theme* by Thomas Tallis. SSO friend, violinist Roy Sonne (retired from the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra), will join the performance. Adult: \$20; Seniors: \$15; Children 5-18 & college students: \$10. 410-659-2602. www.ssorchestra.org.

Sunday May 3
BEL AIR COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT
 Bel Air High School, 3:00 p.m. Popular music for all ages including show tunes, Broadway musical, marches and classical selections. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. Free. 410-638-4550.

Sunday May 3
MOZART AND FRIENDS
 St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Bel Air, 3:00 p.m.

The Harford Choral Society will perform Schubert's *Mass in G* and Mozart's *Sparrow Mass*, *Vesperas Solennes* and a Monteverdi Vespers. To commemorate their 60th concert season, HCS will also perform pieces commissioned over the years. Free for HCC students; Adults: \$20; Seniors: \$15; Children: \$10. 410-652-0417

Thursdays May 7, 14, 21 & 28
ROCKING CHAIR STORY HOUR
 Rockfield Manor, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Each Thursday in May, local officials and celebrities will read stories to children 5 and under. Meet local leaders as we celebrate our community! This is a partnership with the Harford County Public Library. A simple craft activity included. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$5 per family. Registration required. 410-638-4565 or www.rockfieldmanor.com/events.

Friday May 8
LUNCHTIME CONCERT
 Office Street near the Courthouse. Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunchtime concert with food vendors available and tables and chairs provided. Entertainment by Rob Garrigan. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. Admission: Free. 410-638-4550 www.belairmd.org.

Saturday May 9
CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM: Tudor Hall, the Booths of Maryland and the Civil War
 Bel Air Armory, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Sponsor: Tudor Hall and the Historical Society of Harford County. Rare opportunity for those interested in Civil War, local history and theatrical history to meet nationally acclaimed speakers and learn more about this dramatic time in our history. Fee: \$65. 410-838-7691 or www.HarfordHistory.org.

Friday May 15
LUNCHTIME CONCERT
 Office Street near the Courthouse. Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunchtime concert with food vendors available and tables and

chairs provided. Music: Regents of Jazz. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. Admission: Free. 410-638-4550 www.belairmd.org.

Saturday May 16
SUMMER LECTURE & TEA
 The Historical Society of Harford County, 143 N. Main St. 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mary Cardwell, a local linens & lace expert, will be the guest speaker. Admission: \$10. 410-838-7691; www.HarfordHistory.org.

Thursday May 21
GIRLS NIGHT OUT
 Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Grab your best girlfriends for a night of discounts, specials and shopping in downtown stores, plus food and drink specials in Sponsor: downtown restaurants. Bel Air Downtown Alliance. 443-823-1797; www.downtownbelair.org.

Friday May 22
LUNCHTIME CONCERT
 Office Street near the Courthouse. Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunchtime concert with food vendors available; tables and chairs provided. Music: The Smooth Groove. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. Admission: Free. 410-638-4550; www.belairmd.org.

Saturday May 23
4TH SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE
 Historical Society Headquarters, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 410-838-7691; www.HarfordHistory.org.





Monday May 25
MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
 Lee Way and Hickory Ave.,
 10:00 a.m. Sponsor: Town of Bel
 Air and American Legion Harford
 Post #39. Free. 410-303-8138

Sunday May 31
**BEL AIR ROTARY CORNHOLE
 TOURNAMENT**
 Rockfield Manor, 501 E.
 Churchville Rd. Dress in your
 redneck best! Spend the day
 listening to live country and
 bluegrass music while playing a
 couple of rounds of cornhole!
 Enjoy award-winning BBQ, beer
 and wine. Admission: \$50 p/p.
 Tickets and team registration:
 410-734-4422.

Sundays May 31 – June 28
 (Sundays only)
**NORWEGIAN ROSEMALING
 ART EXHIBIT by LISE
 LORENTZEN**
 Liriodendron, 502 W. Gordon St.,
 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Rosemaling is a Norwegian
 decorative art traditionally done
 on wood. It began its
 development in the late 1600s.
 www.liriodendron.com.
 410-879-4424

JUNE

Thursday June 4
**CAMPFIRE STORIES AT
 ROCKFIELD MANOR**
 501 E. Churchville Rd., 7:00 p.m.
 – 8:00 p.m.
 Every first Thursday in June, July
 and August, Rockfield Manor, in
 partnership with the Harford
 County Public Library, will host its
 summer story time series,
Campfire Stories! Bring the family
 and enjoy an evening outdoors

filled with books and songs. \$5
 per family. Phone to register:
 410-638-4565

Friday June 5
FIRST FRIDAYS
 Office Street, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Harford County's BEST block
 party is Bel Air Downtown
 Alliance's First Fridays with local
 live music, beer and wine, food
 vendors, face painting and more!
 Sponsor: Bel Air Downtown
 Alliance. Follow the Alliance on
 Twitter and Facebook for up-to-
 the-minute details. 443-823-1797
 www.downtownbelair.com.

Saturday June 6
FLAG DAY
 Shamrock Park (behind Town
 Hall). 8:00 a.m. Join the annual
 tradition of commemorating the
 American Flag. Includes an
 inspiring keynote speaker,
 patriotic music and Color Guard.
 Sponsor: Town of Bel Air.
 410-638-4550

Saturday June 6
BEACH BUM BOOK SALE
 Bel Air Library, 100 E.
 Pennsylvania Ave., 10:00 a.m. –
 4:00 p.m. Children's and
 paperback books. Sponsor:
 Friends of the Bel Air Library.
 410-838-3151

Sunday June 7
BEL AIR TOWN RUN
 Downtown Bel Air, 8:00 a.m.
 This 5K foot race, in its 35th year,
 will start on Main Street, wind
 through town and end at
 Shamrock Park. Includes 1-mile
 walk. Sponsor: RASAC, The
 Harford County Running Club.
 Fees and details: 410-652-9974
 or www.belairtownrun.com.

Sunday June 7
**SPINNING DEMONSTRATION
 WITH KATHY SCHOLL**
 Hays House Museum, 324
 Kenmore Ave, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 \$5 adults; \$3 students and
 seniors. 410-838-7691
 www.HarfordHistory.org.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:
 Susquehanna Symphony
 Orchestra
 Shamrock Park, 7:00 p.m.
 Bring a picnic dinner and chair or

blanket. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air
 and Harford County Cultural Arts
 Board. No rain date. Free.
 410-803-9784

Friday June 12
OUTDOOR SUMMER MOVIE
 Shamrock Park
 Movie at sunset. Pre-movie
 entertainment provided by the Bel
 Air Cultural Arts Commission at
 6:30 p.m. Sponsor: Bel Air
 Downtown Alliance and local
 sponsors. All family-friendly
 movies. 443-823-1797;
 www.downtownbelair.com.

Sunday June 14
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
 Humbert Amphitheater,
 Shamrock Park. 7:00 p.m.
 Bring a picnic dinner and chair or
 blanket. Location at Bel Air High
 School in event of rain or extreme
 heat. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air
 and Harford County Cultural Arts
 Board. Free. 410-803-9784

Thursday June 18
GIRLS NIGHT OUT
 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Grab your best girlfriends for a
 night of discounts, specials and
 shopping in downtown stores,
 plus food and drink specials in
 downtown restaurants. Sponsor:
 Bel Air Downtown Alliance.
 443-823-1797
 www.downtownbelair.com.

Saturday June 20
ANNUAL YARD SALE
 The Historical Society of Harford
 County, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Household items, books,
 furniture, glassware, clothing and
 many unique and indispensable
 treasures. 410-838-7691
 www.harfordhistory.net.





After 50+ years, the Bel Air Community Band plays on



Some 50 years ago, then-Bel Air Mayor Werner Buchal suggested the formation of the Bel Air Community Band, an idea that played on his German roots. Twenty charter members stepped forward.

To this day, the now 90-member Bel Air Community Band brings an eclectic mix of patriotic marches, dreamy classical melodies, Broadway foot-stompers and holiday pops to local audiences. Who says there are no great deals to be found? Admission to all concerts, which take place year round, is free.

Close to one-quarter of the group have more than 20 years of service. Director Scott Sharnetzka, a retired Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) music educator, is a member of the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame. The band's members, he says, simply "love to make music and bring it to the community." **The next performance, *All That Jazz*, is at Bel Air High School on May 2 at 7:30.** For details on all performances, visit www.belaircommunityband.org/performances.

Prehistoric culture exhibit inside the Liriodendron Ice House reaches way, way back in time

You have to think that Dr. Howard Kelly, the original owner of Liriodendron, would be pleased that the property's icehouse is now the location of a permanent exhibit called "The Prehistoric Culture of the Northern Chesapeake."

First, Dr. Kelly, one of the "Founding Four" physicians of Johns Hopkins Hospital, had a well-documented interest in natural history and a significant collection of artifacts. Second, his great-grandson, Dan Coates, has taken the lead in a decade-long effort to prepare the ice house interior for the exhibit.

Dan is the current president of the Archeological Society of the Northern Chesapeake. Over the past 10 years, he and

several family members built from scratch a life-sized diorama and assembled a collection of artifacts that cover a time frame that extends

from 11,000 B.C. to about the early 1600s. The exhibit reaches to the times of the Paleo Indian, who arrived after the last glacial recession. It moves forward in time as the Susquehanna River changed the landscape, and then onward to the Late Woodland cultures who called the area home just before European arrivals.

The 400-square foot space is filled with hand-made models that depict various modes of Indian shelters, arrowheads, tools, animals and skins. The exhibit focuses on the Indians in the Harford, Cecil and Lancaster (PA) county areas and their primitive technologies. Dan is particularly interested in sharing with visitors the details of what he calls "primitive technologies." He'll demonstrate how bones were used for tools, how various projectiles were fashioned and used for food and clothing and how local soapstone was fashioned into household objects.

"The Northern Chesapeake area is often overlooked in favor of the more famous southern Chesapeake Bay," says Dan. He adds

that he designed the exhibit to support Harford County Public School's 4th Grade curriculum, *Maryland Adventure* as well as several requirements for the Boy Scout Indian Lore and Archeology merit badges.

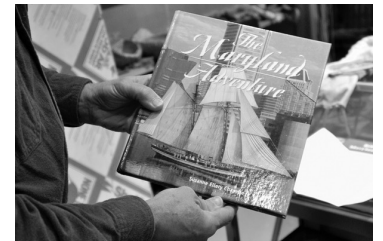
"The size of the ice house creates a perfect setting for docents and visitors to have a give and take conversation and for all visitors to ask questions and get involved in discussions," says Dan. Though he expects to add labeling and design signs for the exhibit, he thinks that conversations and questions "provide a better way to learn about a complex topic. You can't do that with labels."



No coincidence that the life-sized Indian in the Prehistoric Culture of the Northern Chesapeake looks like the exhibit's founder Dan Coates (l). He modeled for the likeness.



To Dan Coates, the Prehistoric Culture exhibit will always be a work in progress.



If your child is a 4th grade Harford County school student, a visit to the Prehistoric Culture exhibit might just help with homework.

The Prehistoric Culture of the Northern Chesapeake exhibit is open on Sundays from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Admission is free; donations accepted. Liriodendron's building and groups are maintained by the Harford County Department of Parks & Recreation.

Third Annual
Spring Fling
A Night of Big Band Dancing
at the Bel Air Armory
Saturday, April 25th, 2015
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

**FREE!!!
Admission**

Live Music by the
Bel Air Community
Band Jazz Ensemble

Food, beer & wine
will be available from
Sterling Caterers

Sponsored by the
Town of Bel Air, the
Maryland State Arts Council, & the
Harford County Cultural Arts Board

Klein's ShopRite of Maryland
Proudly Presents
LINCOLN'S LIFE & LEGACY
- In Stories and Music -
Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the End of the Civil War
and a Fascinating Part of Harford County History.
DR. DUKE THOMPSON is LINCOLN

Part 2
"Beyond Gettysburg"
Sat., April 18, 2015

Also Presented by:

Tickets: \$25 per person
Available at -
harfordhistory.org

THE BEL AIR ARMORY
37 N. Main St. 410.638.5323 Doors open at 6:00 PM
Civil War Lore - Re-enactors - Exhibits

Committees & Commissions	Contact Us www.belairmd.org	Town Government
<p>Board of Town Commissioners 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Planning Commission 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Board of Appeals 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Economic & Community Development Commission 2nd Thursday, 5:00 p.m., Armory</p> <p>Historic Preservation Commission 4th Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Appearance & Beautification Commission 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m., Armory</p> <p>Cultural Arts Commission 3rd Wednesday, 5:00 p.m., Armory</p> <p>Tree Committee 2nd Wednesday, 4:30 p.m., Planning Department</p>	<p>The offices of the Town Administrator, Human Resources, Police and Finance Departments are located in the Town Hall, 39 N. Hickory Ave. The Department of Public Works and the Planning Department are located at 705 E. Churchville Rd. The Department of Economic Development and Visitors Center are in the Bel Air Armory at 37 N. Main St. The Police Department is open 24/7. Other office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekdays.</p> <p>There are many free publications at the Visitors Center, Town Hall and online. Topics include business assistance, historic preservation, parking guides, a walking tour and an event calendar.</p> <p>In addition to the Board of Town Commissioners meetings at 7:30 p.m. on first and third Mondays, the public may attend Commissioners' work sessions, held at 5:15 p.m. on the preceding Tuesdays. Direct questions/concerns to the Commissioners c/o Town Hall in writing or by phone: 410.638.4550 or 410.879.2711.</p> <p>For sewer system, refuse collection, recycling, street light outages, call 410.638.4545. For sewer emergencies, call 410.638.4545 during business hours or 410.638.4500 at other times.</p>	<p>Town Administrator Jesse Bane 410.638.4550 or 410.879.2711</p> <p>Human Resources & Technical Support Michael L. Krantz, Director 410.638.4550 or 410.879.2711</p> <p>Finance Department Lisa M. Moody, Director 410.638.4555 or 410.879.2712</p> <p>Economic Development Department Trish Heidenreich, Director 410.838.0584</p> <p>Police Department Leo F. Matrangola, Chief Jack Meckley (Acting) 410.638.4517 or 410.638.4500</p> <p>Planning Department Kevin Small, Director 410.638.4540 or 410.879.9500</p> <p>Public Works Department Stephen D. Kline, Director 410.638.4536 or 410.879.9507</p> <p>Bel Air Bond Editor Kathi Santora, The Writing Studio ksantora@gmail.com; 443.695.3345</p>



Spring 2015

FREE Lunchtime Concerts

12 Noon on Office St. in Bel Air

May 1 Matt Kineke

May 8 Rob Garrigan

May 15 Regents of Jazz

May 22 The Smooth Groove



Sponsored by the Bel Air Business Association and the Town of Bel Air.



Friday, April 24, 2015

9am to 1pm

Courthouse Square

• Lunch • Plants • Baked Goods • Crafts •

• Robert Garrigan - classical guitar

The Garden Mart dates to 1927 when the first 'Flower' Mart earned 154 dollars with most donated to the library for beautification. Harford County and Bel Air have benefitted from the generosity of various local garden clubs through this event sponsored by:

The Town of Bel Air Appearance & Beautification Committee

- Country Garden Club
- Evergreen Garden Club
- Friendship Garden Club